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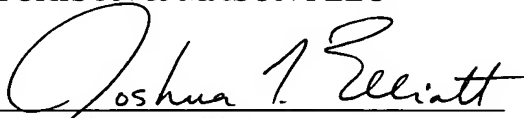
Claims 2-13 of the application have been cancelled. Entry of the amendment and favorable consideration are requested.

If any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to phone the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,

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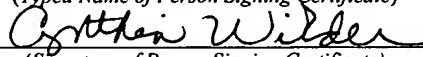
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